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**Lt. Governor André Bauer Will Attend Ceremony for  
Innovative Medical Assistance Program in Aiken**

- **Who:** Lt. Governor Bauer, head of the State Office on Aging, will join health professionals, local officials, staff of the Lower Savannah Council of Government's Aging & Disability Information Center (ADIC) and community volunteers.
- **What:** A celebration of the first anniversary of the ADIC's Medication Assistance Program. The ADIC and other aging programs of the LSCOG serve individuals in Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties.
- **When:** Tuesday, September 27 at 2:00 pm
- **Where:** Community Room at Aiken Electric Cooperative, 2790 Wagener Rd in Aiken.
- **Background:** The Medication Assistance Program will have been in operation for one year at the end of October. During that time, the program has helped over 386 individuals with chronic illnesses to obtain life-sustaining medications with a purchase value of \$218,000. Referrals come from faith-based organizations, medical practices, the hospital, and local health and human service agencies. Medication program volunteers help medically needy adults with chronic illnesses complete paperwork for the numerous pharmaceutical companies which provide free prescription medications to qualifying individuals. The MAP program was recently awarded a 2005 "Innovation Award" by the National Association of Development Organizations ([www.nado.org](http://www.nado.org)), a Washington D.C.-based Research Foundation.

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